

SCIENTIFIC ATTACHES

1. Definition of "Scientific" and "Technical" Intelligence

a. "Scientific" intelligence is primarily concerned with the fields of pure science and the discovery and development of previously unknown basic theories, facts, methods, and materials. It pertains to fundamental and basic scientific research on the part of individuals or groups of individuals working either independently or in research organizations or institutions. "Scientific" intelligence is, of course, a primary part of national intelligence but is also of interest to all the armed services.

b. "Technical" intelligence is more concerned with the application of basic theories to the development of equipment in usable form for specific purposes. Technical intelligence, while important in intelligence related to the national security, tends to become of particular interest to the individual armed services.

c. It is difficult to draw a clear line of demarcation between "Scientific" and "Technical" intelligence. They must be taken together to give a complete intelligence picture from the standpoint of overall national security. These comments will, however, be confined to "Scientific" attaches on the assumption that "Technical" attaches are at present (and should be) handled by the armed services involved.

2. Comments on Enclosure 1. Paragraph 2 - "Problems to be considered"

a. "the type of person needed to collect this information, availability of such personnel, training before departure from the United States."

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b. "how and by whom recruited and paid;"

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Scientific attaches should not have control over Service technical attaches. As senior advisors, however, they should be of considerable assistance to technical attaches in coordination of their work and suggestions as to sources and new methods of scientific application.

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d. "most important countries where such attaches should be assigned;"

Comment

Scientists themselves are the best judges of the state of scientific research abroad and, therefore, should be consulted as to the most important countries to which attaches should be assigned. Scientific advancement throughout the world varies from time to time and according to categories.

e. "The most practical way in which this matter could be handled considering the "Iron Curtain" regulations and psychology obtaining in many countries;"

Comment



3. In conclusion it is recommended that:


a. A distinction be made between "Scientific" attaches and "Technical" attaches.

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